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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN FLOODS

REF: BUCHAREST 3072; STATE 158828;BUCHAREST 3155

1. BOGDAN CALLED ON DEPASSTSECY ARMITAGE JULY 8 TO PRESENT
QUOTE BACKGROUND MATERIAL UNQUOTE ON FLOOD SITUATION.
BOGDAN TERMED MATERIAL QUOTE A NON-PAPER UNQUOTE AND SAID
HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM BUCHAREST TO MAKE A FORMAL
REQUEST FOR AID. BASED ON 1970 EXPERIENCE, HOWEVER, HE
WAS TAKING INITIATIVE TO INFORM USG OF SCOPE OF PROBLEM.

2. ARMITAGE RESPONDED THAT WE WOULD LOOK INTO WHAT IS WITH-
IN THE REALM OF THE POSSIBLE REGARDING AID. HE NOTED THAT
WE HAD EXPRESSED OUR SYMPATHY IN BUCHAREST AND HAD INQUIRED
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WHETHER FOREIGN ASSISTANCE WOULD BE NEEDED. BOGDAN

AND ARMITAGE AGREED THAT IF WE SHOULD REACH THE POINT OF CONSIDERING OPERATIONAL MATTERS IT WOULD BE BEST TO CENTRALIZE DEALINGS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVTS IN BUCHAREST.

3. BOGDAN PAPER CONSISTENT WITH SITUATION REFLECTED IN GLIGA PRESENTATION (BUCHAREST 3155 JUST RECEIVED) AND MENTIONS SAME TYPE OF NEEDS.

4. WHEN EXTENT OF DAMAGE CLEAR, WE WILL APPRECIATE RECEIVING EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS OF FLOODING AND VIEWS AS TO WHETHER USG ASSISTANCE MAY BE JUSTIFIED. FYI: WE NOTE THAT NON-FOOD ITEMS MENTIONED BY GLIGA AND BOGDAN DO NOT APPEAR TO BE WITHIN SCOPE OF POSSIBLE USG ASSISTANCE. SUCH RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT SPECIFIC CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION WHICH CONSIDERED UNLIKELY. FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM MIGHT BE A SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE EITHER FOR IMMEDIATE DISASTER NEEDS OR LONGER-TERM EMERGENCY RPT EMERGENCY. MEDICINE, OF COURSE, WOULD BE INCLUDED IN SCOPE OF IMMEDIATE DISASTER ASSISTANCE. BRITISH EMBASSY REPORTS RECEIPT OF SIMILAR APPEAL IN LONDON AND BUCHAREST. INGERSOLL

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